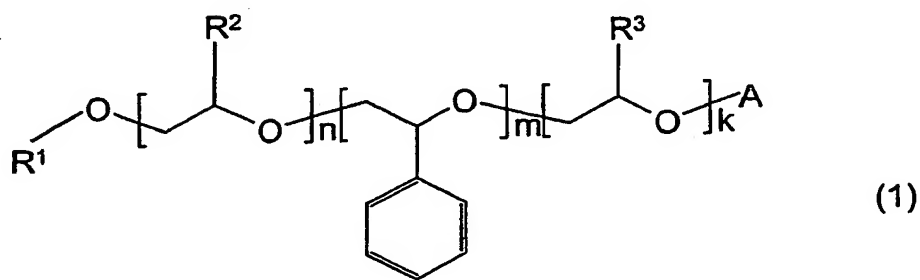


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A copolymer of the formula (1)



in which

R^1 is hydrogen, a C_1 - C_5 -alkyl radical, or C_2 - C_5 -alkenyl radical which may also contain hetero atoms, an acid group or an aliphatic or aromatic group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, which carries including an acid group,

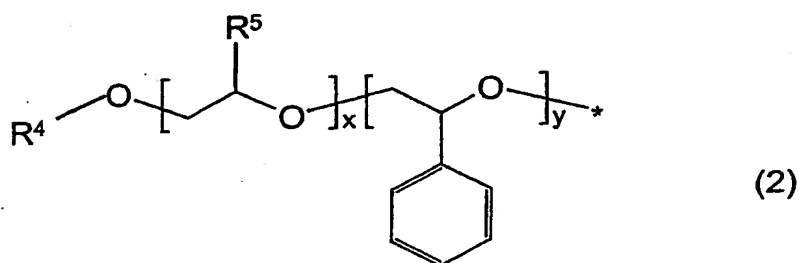
R^2 and R^3 , independently of one another, are hydrogen, methyl and/or ethyl,

n is a number from 0 to 100, and

m is a number from 3 to 30, and

k is a number from 1 to 200, and

A is a copolymer unit of the formula (2)



in which

R^4 is hydrogen, a C_1 - C_5 -alkyl radical or C_2 - C_5 -alkenyl radical which may also contain hetero atoms, an acid group or an aliphatic or aromatic group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, ~~which carries~~ including an acid group,

R^5 is hydrogen, methyl and/or ethyl,

x is a number from 0 to 100, and

y is a number from 3 to 30,

where R^1 is hydrogen or an acid group.

2.(Original) The copolymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the alkoxy groups are arranged block by block.

3.(Currently Amended) The copolymer as claimed in claim 1 ~~[[and/or 2]]~~, wherein k is a number from 10 to 100.

4.(Currently Amended) The copolymer of claim 1 ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein m is a number from 3 to 10.

5.(Currently Amended) The copolymer of claim 1 ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein n is a number from 1 to 5.

6.(Currently Amended) ~~The copolymer of claim 1 as claimed in one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 5~~, wherein formula 1 represents an ester or partial ester.

7.(Currently Amended) ~~The copolymer of claim 1 as claimed in one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 6~~, wherein R¹ or R⁴ is a C₂- to C₅-alkenyl group.

8.(Currently Amended) ~~The use of a copolymer as claimed in one or more of~~
~~claims 1 to 7 as~~ A method for emulsifying a pigment emulsifier and or a
bitumen, said method comprising admixing the pigment or bitumen with the
copolymer of claim 1 emulsifier.

9.(Currently Amended) ~~The use of a copolymer as claimed in claim 7 as an~~
~~emulsifier in~~ A method for emulsion polymerization, said method comprising
adding the copolymer of claim 1 to a polymer reaction mixture and
polymerizing said mixture.